



# Foggy Bottom News

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## Foggy Bottom Groups Allege Bias and Mistakes at DCRA

By Kirsten Olsen

A D.C. City Council oversight committee headed by At-Large Councilmember John Ray is considering what action to take regarding charges that D.C.'s Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs mishandled two cases concerning the Foggy Bottom community.

The first case involves the Historic Preservation and Review Board's (HPRB) consideration of landmark status for the Western Presbyterian Church. The second concerns DCRA's handling of the proposed development at 2501 K Street.

Foggy Bottom groups asked for the review hearing, which was attended by about 40 residents, and punctuated with vigorous debate as it stretched into the wee morning hours at the District Building on April 14.

A panel of Foggy Bottom residents testified that in both cases, the DCRA frequently failed to follow mandated procedures and exhibited bias against the Foggy Bottom community.

The panelists asked Ray's committee to revisit both cases and reconsider them in a fair, unbiased manner. The panelists also asked the city to place a freeze on all city actions in both cases while the committee considers the community's request for an independent investigation.

Testifying on behalf of Foggy Bottom were Barbara Kahlow, Executive Board of the Foggy Bottom Association (FBA), ANC-2A Chairwoman Sara Maddux, FBA President Chris Lamb, Robert Niemic, Foggy Bottom citizen, Irene Parsons, Foggy Bottom citizen, and Elaine

DeVito, Past President of the FBA.

Testifying for the Western Presbyterian Church was Reverend John Wimberly and for the International Monetary Fund (which wants to move the church to build a new office building) Whayne Quin, attorney with Wilkes, Artis, Hedrick and Lane.

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At the District Building, Ward Two councilman Jack Evans swears in Ramona Lauda of the Potomac Plaza Terraces as a new member of our Advisory Neighborhood Commission-2A. Congratulations Ramona!

## Community Victorious In Cooper House Appeal

The many residents who contributed to the fund to appeal the zoning variances for the Cooper Houses will be pleased to know the community won its appeal. Originally, the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) had granted the developer the right to build to a height of 107.5 feet with a Floor Area Ratio (FAR or bulk) of 7.7. Those exceed the matter-of-right limits (what can be built

without a variance) of 90 feet with a FAR of 6.0).

The case was argued on March 12th, with the decision issued on April 17, 1992.

The Court of Appeals ruled the BZA did not provide non-economic justification for the variances, and had refused to consider economic factors for its decision. The Court stated that either the BZA must explain

those non-economic reasons, or it must expressly consider the evidence of economic feasibility in support of the application for variances.

At ANC2A's monthly meeting on May 7th, 1992, a resolution was passed agreeing with the Court of Appeal's decision. The resolution requests the BZA to hold a public hearing to fully ex-

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## Foggy Bottom Association MEETING

Speaker:

**Betty Hager Francis**

Director, D.C. Dept of Public Works

7:30 P.M. Tuesday  
May 26, 1992

St. Paul's Parish House  
2430 K Street, N.W.

## Two GSA Heating Plants Pollute Foggy Bottom, Georgetown and The Mall

By Holsey Handyside

Early in March, *The Washington Post* revealed that the two steam plants operated by the federal General Services Administration to heat federal government office buildings, the White House, and the Smithsonian are spewing sulfur dioxide and other polluting combustion products into the center of Washington and its nearby residential neighborhoods. Studies conducted by the federal

Environmental Protection Agency in 1991 concluded that the present routine operation of the two GSA heating plants produces "severe violations of the primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for sulfur dioxide". The *Post* news story also revealed that the GSA, the EPA, and the District Government Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, after months of discussion and negotiation, had

concluded a formal agreement behind closed doors calling for a series of corrective actions to be taken immediately. Those actions include reducing the pollution levels generated by the GSA plants by the ultimate construction of one or more 200 ft. smokestacks at each GSA plant. The smokestacks would reduce the pollution impact on the areas

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## Make Your Views Heard

# What Can D.C.'s Dept. of Public Works Do For You?

**Tell Betty Hager Francis, Director, Department of Public Works  
At the Tuesday, May 26th FBA Meeting**



Betty Hager Francis serves as Director of the District of Columbia Department of Public Works. She is responsible for the planning, design, construction and maintenance of the District's streets, bridges and other facilities; the distribution of potable water; collection and

disposal of wastewater and solid waste, including the District's comprehensive recycling program; coordination with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; administration of motor vehicle regulations, parking management and traffic adjudication; and main-

tenance of the District's fleet of trucks and other vehicles, excepting those of the school system and the police, fire and corrections departments. The budget for Public Works in FY 1992 is approximately \$750 million.

Before assuming her current position in February 1991, Ms. Francis served seven years with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works as Associate Commissioner responsible for the state's Highway Maintenance Division, and as Deputy Chief Counsel. She had earlier served as attorney for the Boston Housing Authority and Greater Boston Legal Services, and as executive assistant to the director of Harvard University Press. She has also worked as an aide to the director of Harvard College Observatory and to U.S. Senators Edward W. Brooke (Massachusetts) and Birch E. Bayh (Indiana).

A native of Washington, D.C., she has a son, Jason, who is a student at Howard University.

## Cooper House Victory

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to hold a public hearing to fully examine any claimed economic justification for granting the variances on height and FAR. In the resolution, ANC2A also reversed the decision passed by a majority of the previously

elected ANC2A, which supported the developer on both height and FAR. This reversal was in line with a motion passed during the second meeting of present ANC2A in February, 1991.

The monies contributed for

this appeal totalled \$5,825, including \$1,324 contributed by the Foggy Bottom Association.

The Civil War-era Cooper Houses are located on K Street between 25th and 26th Streets.

Maria Tyler,  
Commissioner ANC-2A-3

## Smokestacks

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adjacent to the plants by dispersing the sulfur dioxide (which causes respiratory problems in humans and damages trees) more widely over the metropolitan area. One of the GSA plants — the West Plant —

is located just across Rock Creek from Foggy Bottom immediately upstream (north) of the Whitehurst Freeway.

ANC-2A registered its vigorous objection to the reported Federal — DC Government agreement on March 5 and

called on Mayor Kelly and Council Chairman Wilson to take prompt steps to set aside closed-door pact and to fashion an agreement which will truly eliminate the pollution without the skyline of the nation's capital being marred with 20-story smokestacks.

ANC-2A Chairwoman Sara Maddux and FBA President Chris Lamb (accompanied by a number of concerned neighborhood residents) appeared before

**Find out what's going on in your neighborhood — Attend the ANC-2A meetings, the second Thursday of each month.**

## Dick Adelman Dies April 15

Richard F. Adelman, longtime resident of the Jefferson House, died April 25 at the age of 72. His death was caused by a heart attack. A native of Massachusetts, he graduated from Boston's Suffolk University and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He retired from his post as director of the legislative and congress-

sional liaison staff of the Department of Agriculture in the 1970s, and has been active in volunteer work since then.

Memorial services were held May 1 at St. Stephen Martyr Church, followed by a reception at the GWU Newman Center. Burial was at Arlington Cemetery.

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the Consumers Utilities Board on March 25 to enlist the support and assistance to the CVUB and its individual members. The CVUB quickly adopted a resolution supporting the ANC-2A stance. Councilman Evans' staff, which arranged the session with CVUB, in turn alerted the ANCs in Georgetown and South West. ANC-2D which covers the area impacted by the GSA plant just off the Mall near the Forrestal Building adopted a resolution calling on the District Building to set aside the closed-door agreement, and to pursue an effective, long-term solution to the GSA pollution problem. The Georgetown ANC discussed the impact of the GSA Georgetown plant on Georgetown residents, and

agreed to work with ANC-2A and ANC-2D in achieving a satisfactory resolution of the GSA steam plant pollution problem. The GSA-EPA-DCRA closed-door agreement charges GSA with obtaining any formal approvals and permits which may be required for the hearing plant up-grade project. ANC-2A and the Foggy Bottom Association will make their opposition to the proposed "solution" of the GSA heating plant air pollution problem to the National Capital Planning Commission, the Fine Arts Commission, the Historic Preservation Office, and any other permitting boards. They will insist the GSA plants be required to comply fully with all relevant federal air quality standards.



## Your Foggy Bottom Association At Work

- On April 15, 1992 representatives from the community, including the FBA and ANC-2A, testified before John Ray's oversight hearing. Our testimony focused on irregularities by District agencies on the IMF/Western Presbyterian and 2501 Pennsylvania Avenue projects. The hearing was enlightening and Ray stated that the District "handled these matters in a way that created at least the perception of bias". Many thanks to those who stayed until after midnight to attend this important hearing. (more on page 1)
- The Foggy Bottom Association continues to pursue all options on the IMF/Western Presbyterian project. A reconsideration of the Zoning Board's decisions will be filed and, if rejected, legal options will be considered. The FBA has 30 days to decide if it wishes to file a suit with the Court of Appeals. In addition, as a result of the Ray hearing, the FBA may have another opportunity to present its landmark application to the Historic Preservation Review Board. The Foggy Bottom Association is still in need of financial support from the community to fight this project. Contributions can be made c/o the West End Library. Please indicate that your contribution is for the IMF/Western Presbyterian project.
- The FBA's April meeting focused on crime in Foggy Bottom/West End. Officials from the Capitol and Metropolitan Police Departments were on hand to educate the community on protecting yourself and preventing crime. ANC-2A and the Foggy Bottom Association have formed a task force to address this issue. Bill Larson, president of the Bonwit Condominium Association, was appointed chair and will be working with the community to identify ways to reduce crime in our neighborhood.
- The Court of Appeals reversed the Board of Zoning Adjustment's decision on the Cooper Houses. The BZA had granted a developer excess building rights (building height in excess of 100 feet, etc.) which would have obscured the historically landmarked Cooper Houses on K Street. The FBA strongly supported the suit filed by Geoffrey Tyler and many contributions from the community permitted the appeal to move forward. The BZA must either address the issues raised by the Court of Appeals or schedule another hearing.
- The George Washington University Community Council held a second meeting in April to discuss several upcoming development projects including their joint venture with WETA. The University also is planning to expand the Smith and Marvin centers. The community raised issues that affect the area including student housing and student behavior within the Foggy Bottom community. In a separate meeting, representatives from the FBA and ANC met with Lou Katz, GW's Vice President and Treasurer, on the West End Apartments. At issue is the use of the building — student dormitory or long-term moderate income housing.
- The Foggy Bottom Association is still actively opposing the current design for the 2501 Pennsylvania Avenue project. The developer wants a 7 story mixed-use building which the FBA feels is too tall and will obscure the historically landmarked Luzon and Haller buildings. The FBA is pushing for a smaller building which is consistent with the existing development along Pennsylvania Avenue.
- The FBA will be a party in opposition to the Blackie's project at 22nd, 23rd and M streets. The proposed project is too tall and bulky, would exacerbate the existing traffic congestion, and provides too few community amenities in exchange for excess building rights.
- At the Foggy Bottom Association's upcoming May meeting, the focus will be the Department of Public Works. This important District agency is responsible for cleaning up the homeless encampments, street lighting, park maintenance, etc. Please attend and express your concerns about DPW's level of service within the Foggy Bottom/West End community. See you at the May meeting!

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## Older Citizens Needed to Voice Interests/Concerns

In the last issue of the *Foggy Bottom News* we informed you about a \$20,000 grant IONA Senior Services received from the Administration on Aging to improve in-home and community services available to older people. IONA is now building a very exciting coalition of non-traditional service providers and involving them in meeting the needs of older people in the community.

On March 31, 1992 the coalition of concerned community members met for the first time to refine the group's mission. **Now the coalition needs to hear from the older community members to determine what services they should work toward implementing for area seniors.**

One tool for deciding on these goals is a survey which older Foggy Bottom residents have been filling out for IONA. The Survey is designed to reach out to *all* older people in the area, identify what community services are important to them, inform older residents about services and opportunities which exist in the community, and to identify which ones they may want to take advantage of, now or in the future.

Since January 1991, approximately 150 surveys have been completed outlining the needs of older citizens of Foggy Bottom. Most of these surveys were completed by residents of Potomac Plaza Terraces, Potomac Plaza, and townhouses in the area. One service — a shopping program with students from George Washington University — has already been set up in Potomac Plaza Terraces as a result of interest indicated in the survey.

On March 24, 1992, ANC 2A Commissioner Sara Maddux, IONA's Foggy Bottom Outreach Committee Co-Chairman Richard Price, and Project C.A.R.E. Coordinator Eileen Dombo were on hand at Monroe House to hand out the survey and answer questions about available services. George Washington University geriatric nurse Fiona Drury was available to give blood pressure screenings and answer questions about health concerns.

IONA is organizing the same service in other buildings in the Foggy Bottom community. Eileen Dombo will be approach-

ing apartment managers to see if they can make similar arrangements. If you are an older resident of an apartment building and would like this service brought to you, or if you

work with an organization which would like to be included in the coalition, please call IONA at 966-1055 and ask for Eileen Dombo.

Make your voice heard!

## Items of Interest from the DC Register

By Barbara F. Kahlow

### Notices of Public Meetings

- 5/12 10 am — Room 500, District Building — City Council on "Comprehensive Plan Land Use Maps Approval Resolution of 1992"
- 5/13 2 pm — Room 115, District Building — Board of Elections & Ethics on "Limitation on the Terms of Office for Elected Officials" (two 4-year terms for Mayor, Chair of the City Council & Council Members; three 2-year terms for ANC Commissioners)
- 5/14 & 7 pm — Room 9, District Building — Zoning Commission on Blackie's Parking Lot proposed, revised Planned Unit Development (PUD) (92 feet, 7.17 floor area ratio (FAR), 51% residential, 546 parking spaces)
- 5/18 7 pm — Room 9, District Building — Zoning Commission on modification to PUD at 22nd & N Streets

### Other Notices

- 4/3 & 5/1 Filing with Zoning Commission of modification to PUD and map amendment at 22nd & N Streets (& addition of lot at 1312-22nd), then set down by Zoning Commission
- 4/3 & 4/10 7 nominations to Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) — Charles Cassel, Edward Dunson, Gloria Freeman, James Kane, Gregory McCarthy, Charles Robertson, Charles Sonderman
- 4/17 Final Rulemaking by Zoning Commission on Text & Map — Foggy Bottom Overlay District
- 4/24 Filing with Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs of "Alteration/Repair/Conceptual" at 2501 Pennsylvania Avenue — to be heard by HPRB
- 5/1 Order by Zoning Commission on IMF PUD, approved 4/6/92 by a vote of 3-0

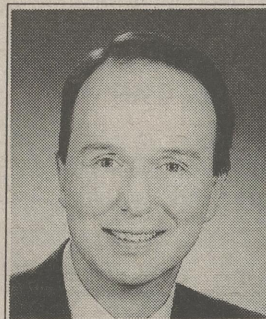
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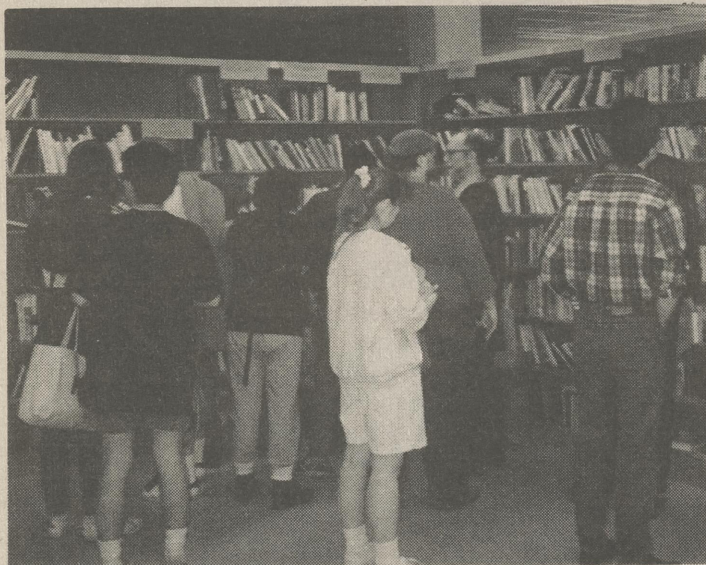
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# SIDEWALK TALK

By Betty Olsen



## Friends Book Sale Nets \$900 For Library

The book sale run by the West End Library Friends at the Library on April 11 raised over \$900. The proceeds will go to purchase books for the West End Library.

Lucille Duprat and Mary Lou Hennessy, Friends' Treasurer and Vice President, respectively, were co-chairs for the sale. Members of the Friends who

helped with the sale by contributing their time and talents were Alexandra Blackhurst, Sue Bosma, Randall Brooks, Jon Nowick, Harold Sarbacher, Robert Slusser, and Margot Summers.

The Friends send thanks to all who contributed books for the sale. The response far exceeded their expectations and made the successful sale possible.

Michael White, the postman, asked recently if I ever caught up with Clint Eastwood on the ski slopes this past season, Noooooooo, but if I had it would have made my day. Oh well, maybe next year. By the way, if you want to feel good White is the one to make your day. Somehow when I see him he allllllways makes me feel better. He is one of those people who just does that consistently. Speaking of stamps — he should be on one himself — he is an American to be admired.

What is the reason for that dumpster in front of Columbia Plaza to be there sooooo long. Not a very pleasant sight to come home to.

At first, the building manager said construction was underway and it would be there for awhile. But awhile has turned into quite awhile and the residents after a hard day in the pits out there are getting even more weary of the welcome home sight — eye sore — they view each day. How about thinking, just thinking, at this stage of finishing up, moving it, and getting on with it. I'm getting calls to put the bee in your bonnet. You should have gotten the buzz by yourself by now.

Let's all think of Foggy Bottom and how it pleases us and others who visit. And construction is one thing but on and on without active use of an unsightly thinnnnng like a dumpster on your front steps is quite another. Agree? Agreed!

Did you know that Bill Parker, "the Bill Parker" formerly of Sunoco on Virginia Ave., and Parker's ServiceCenter on MacArthur Blvd. fame has retired. Oh come on, Bill, we've heard this story before. Get a good night's sleep and a full tummy and come on back. We need people like you to put a tiger in our tank again. Parker's most recent station was an Exxon one.

Chuck Minkowitz is still telling tall tales about his junket by



boat to Freeport in The Bahamas. Seems like Minkowitz reallyllly does think "It is better in the Bahamas." Made the trip with his Dad who lives in Hollywood, Florida, now, and the boys had such a fun time together that when they returned from the Islands they drove down the coast to Key West to continue their memories as father and son. Sounds as though they are best friends too. Isn't that a winning combination to find that much happiness right at your front door? You're lucky, Chuck.

Bob Brewster's retired Lt. Col. sister who regularly resides in San Antonio visited his and Mary's comfortable quarters on Queen Anne's Lane during spring. A lot of the time Bob visits Texas but what a break for us that she came here this time.

Carol Bennett is off again for Canada, but before she arrives for a relative's 100th birthday in Ontario she is going to stop to visit daughter, Kate in Princeton (she graduates this year) and then drive on to Syracuse University to visit Riff, her son, who just had his beloved car totaled backing out of his driveway at 5ish am. He is all right, but his mother just has to see for herself. Then Bennett is driving on to Ontario, later returning to Syracuse to see

Riff's girlfriend graduate, then on to Princeton to see her daughter graduate.

Carol are you sure you only have two children? Sounds like a lot of activity for just two. Oh by the way, husband and father, Ralph, is meeting Carol on her return swing to take part one way only.

Sorry to hear that the fiance of Jackie Burke's daughter Betsy, took such a tumble at the Middleburg Steeplechase recently. John Branscomb broke his collarbone and will be out for the rest of the season nursing his wound and spirits. He had been the leader in points for amateur rider honors this year.

Going short in hair styles these days is Mary Lamb. Saw her recently at a FB meeting where the "Are You Following Me?" program was a big success with approximately 80 in attendance and she looked realllllly good with the short style. But I agree with her diplomatic husband, Chris, president of the FBA, I liked them both. No wonder he's had such a successful year at the helm of the organization.

Did you see in the City Paper's Loose Lips column the mention of Bob Niemic and Barbara Kahlow's pluckiness of the DCRA hearing held recently at The District Building conducted by At-Large Democratic Councilmember John Ray? WAYYYY to go, team.

Holland Cooke is the new Vice President of Radio for USA Today. He's heading up Gannett's new programming venture called "Sky Radio." It's called Sky Radio because the news and programming service is beamed directly to jetliners in flight. Cooke and his wife live in Foggy Bottom and like it because it is so friendly and convenient.

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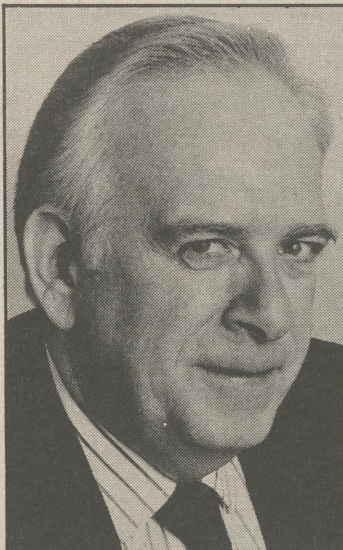
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A warm welcome to our Foggy Bottom neighbors!



# Foggy Bottom/West End Crime Report

By C.A. Mitchell

Two officers from the U.S. Capitol Police Department made a presentation on personal safety at the April Foggy Bottom Association meeting. Lt. Mike Jarboe and Sgt. Ruth Micer illustrated how citizens can protect themselves in a presentation called "Is Someone Following Me?" (The U.S. Capitol Police Department protects the area surrounding the U.S. Capitol, but offers this public safety presentation throughout the District.)

Jarboe and Micer advised residents to take a common sense approach to safety, including thinking about what could happen and deciding on a response in advance. They counseled residents to surrender personal property in a robbery, but to fight to protect themselves if the situation warrants it. With the assistance of members of the audience, they demonstrated various techniques for warding off an attacker.

The officers advised residents that they can avoid an attack in the first place by walking in groups, staying in well-lit areas, and never flashing money.

At the same meeting, Sergeant James of the Metropolitan Police Department discussed automobile thefts and robberies at automatic teller machines. He advised residents not to leave anything visible inside a car and to do their banking at money machines during the day. The summer influx of tourists is linked to more auto thefts, and he suggested that residents warn visiting friends to lock anything they want to keep in the trunk of their car.

The criminal activity reported in the Foggy Bottom/West End residential areas for April includes:

## Assault with a Deadly Weapon

4/4 1900 G Street 8:15p  
4/13 100 24th Street 1:00a  
4/17 22nd & I Street 9:20a

## Robberies in Public Spaces

4/25 2514 K Street 7:00p

## Simple Assault

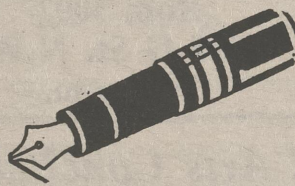
4/2 1121 New Hamp Ave 2:40a  
4/13 2100 M Street 1:15a  
4/18 2200 M Street 2:00a

## Burglaries/Thefts in Homes

4/15 2201 Virginia Ave  
4/18 2034 G Street  
4/18 1134 25th Street  
4/22 609 22nd Street  
4/24 1255 New Hamp Ave  
4/24 2138 F Street  
4/26 830 25th Street

## Stolen Auto

4/14 2200 M Street  
4/14 2400 H Street  
4/17 2650 Virginia Ave  
4/20 23rd & N Street  
4/22 1100 New Hamp Ave



## EXPRESS YOUR OPINION

To the Foggy Bottom community:

I am writing as a concerned citizen living at 25th & K Street, NW, and want to know if the residents are aware of the current problem we have with car vandalisms and thefts. In the last two years my girlfriend and I have had our cars broken into three times, stolen, and stripped once. I have talked to Officer McNeely at the Second District Station, Officers Bordell and Long of the Community Services of the Second District, Detective Selby of the Auto Theft Division, Chief Perry of the Second District, and officers on patrol in the area. When I inquired about crime in connection with parked automobiles, they all agreed that this is the most frequent crime in the Foggy Bottom area. I further asked what the police are doing about the problem and how to prevent it. They all remarked that they are patrolling the area and the only advice they gave was keep your car locked and don't leave anything in your car when it is parked.

The purpose of this letter is to serve as a WARNING that in spite of taking every advised precaution that has been given to us by the police, we have had continued crimes concerning our cars. If anyone reading this letter knows of what else is being done to protect our area — from the police, citizens, community or the District, please let me know so that I may take part in the efforts to resolve this problem. My address is Claridge House, 950 25th Street, N.W., Apt. #412-N, Wash 20037.

John Wilhoit

<b>Larceny from Auto</b>	4/10 1200 21st Street
4/2 730 23rd Street	4/17 1200 21st Street
4/3 1200 New Hamp Ave	4/18 2400 M Street
4/5 2141 I Street	4/19 26th & L Street
4/5 939 26th Street	4/20 1200 25th Street
4/6 2400 M Street	4/22 23rd & M Street
4/6 1776 G Street	4/25 1134 25th Street
4/8 21st & New Hamp Ave	



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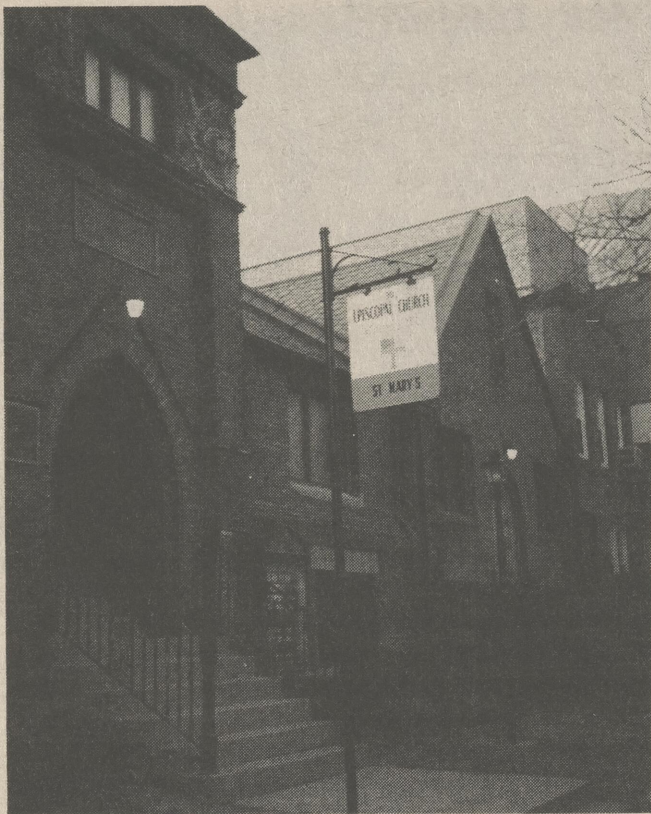
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From the office of . . .

## Jack Evans City Councilmember

Below is an update of issues I have been working on this past month which are of interest to Foggy Bottom residents. Obviously, the recent votes on the budget provided important gains for Foggy Bottom and the residents throughout Ward 2.

### Budget Background

The budget process began February 7, when Mayor Kelly submitted the Revised Fiscal Year 1992 and Fiscal year 1993 budgets to the Council. As you may know, on March 17 the Council gave preliminary approval of the budgets for FY 92 and FY 93 (which begins Oct. 1) and the revenue packages were approved April 7.

While the Council did make expenditure/spending cuts in addition to those outlined in the Mayor's proposal, much of the \$3.3 billion budget approved by the Council is similar to Mayor's proposal forwarded in early February.

Most of the debate during the process focused not on the expenditure proposals (i.e., how to reduce spending), but on the revenue proposals (i.e., how money will be raised to fund the budget and the deficits of \$205 million for FY 92 and \$419 million for FY 93).

While there were merits to the Mayor's revenue proposals, I was deeply concerned that many of these proposals would have to pass legal and legislative hurdles before they could be enacted — hurdles which could have delayed the collection of the intended revenues for months, possibly years.

More troubling was the possibility that these revenues could ultimately be rejected by either the courts or the U.S. Congress. The end result would be that the District would either have to wait for, or would be stopped from, collecting revenues which are needed to close the budget deficits for FY 1992 and FY 1993.

### Foggy Bottom Budget Concerns

\* **Libraries:** The FY 92 budget included approximately 20.2 million for D.C. Libraries, which reflected a \$400,000 reduction. The same amount was included once inflationary factors are considered.

Even more alarming were the measures by which the Library Board planned to offset the proposed cutbacks: closing two branch

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## DCRA's Fairness to Foggy Bottom Questioned

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Western Presbyterian Church pastor John Wimberly was the first person to testify. He said he and his congregation have a "deep-felt conviction that the process was run in an open, fair democratic and unbiased manner." He said the church needed repairs, "and so when the opportunity came to move our sanctuary four blocks away, redesign the program space and establish a large endowment which will greatly increase our ability to alleviate suffering in our neighborhood, city and beyond, we felt incredibly blessed by God. It is a miracle, we believe, nothing less than a miracle." Wimberly said the real reason for the landmarking was the community's opposition to a feeding program run out of the church that would be moved with the church to its new location at 24th and G Streets. He said he is committed to continuing the program, and "Those who oppose our feeding program being located in our new church must realize that it would be an insult to the sacrifice we remember in this Holy Week if we were to cave in to the crowd when He didn't. We simply cannot let others tell us how to worship God in our new building."

Next up were the Foggy Bottom panelists who cited a variety of problems with the DCRA.

Barbara Kahlow testified that DCRA committed at least five errors in relation to the IMF Case, including engineering a delay with the Historic Preservation Review Board vote to insure non-landmarking. Kahlow said the HPRB delayed the start of the voting by more than an hour until a HPRB member who supported the landmark application left, and one who voted against it arrived. The final vote was 3-2, against landmarking though Kahlow alleges had the vote been taken earlier, it would probably have been three in favor, two opposed.

In relation to the 2501 project, Kahlow listed 16 errors on DCRA's behalf, including preferential treatment to the developer, frequent unfairness to the community and DCRA's illegal issuance of a demolition permit.

Chris Lamb testified that contrary to statements by Reverend Wimberly, the reason the landmarking of the church did not proceed earlier was because of a lack of funds. Lamb said the church was included in FBA's historic survey in 1983, but "financial resources prevented us from taking an earlier submission and, as is often the case, we took action when the property was threatened with demolition." He added that the mistakes at DCRA mean "many people in Foggy Bottom believe

that the cards are stacked against us, and it's not worth fighting for causes we believe in." Lamb asked the committee to move for a reconsideration of the two cases before a "fair and impartial" Historic Preservation Review Board.

Robert Niemic's testimony focused on the 2501 project and the relationship between the developer and DCRA employees. Niemic testified, there is "hostility, arrogance and in some cases vindictiveness of certain DCRA employees toward community leaders and community residents in general." He said it was not unusual to find some DCRA officials "huddling" with the development team at hearings on the project in what appeared to be strategy sessions. He said then the DCRA employees would enthusiastically support the development team's position.

Niemic said in one conversation, with a DCRA manager, the manager even referred to the developer as his "client."

Sara Maddux, ANC chairwoman testified she had gone to the office of the Preservation Review Staff, and heard an employee saying how he was going "to get ANC-2A" at an upcoming hearing. Maddux said the employee (who she found out was DCRA historic preservation review chief Steve Raiche) told her "he hated Foggy Bottom, his staff hated Foggy Bottom" and that "our residents in Foggy Bottom should be controlled." She says she tried to approach Raiche's superior about the problem, but there was no response.

Maddux testified, "The bottom line is the need to have the confidence and assurance that the process and resulting staff work of the Historic Preservation Review staff is fair and unbiased and that the staff can carry out its duties without fear of retribution from the director."

Elaine DeVito, past FBA president, testified on the history of the two projects, and the Foggy Bottom presentation closed with resident Irene Parsons, who talked emotionally about how the process appalled her, especially concerning the delay of the landmarking vote.

Following the testimony and questioning of the panelists by Ray's committee, the sparks flew when attorney Wayne Quin talked of his role in the process. Quin testified he had received a copy of a DCRA testimony prior to the hearing and began explaining DCRA's position. Ray was outraged that Quin was speaking on behalf of DCRA and said that this is the

kind of attitude "that creates perceptions" and thus "brings responsibility to a screeching halt." Ray said no wonder citizens feel the process is biased and unfair "because these kinds of stupid things are being done."

Answering the other charges, Quin said he was "at a loss to understand the huddling business" and said it appeared the community's perceptions were a "unique combination of paranoia and speculation."

Following Quin, DCRA employees took the stand. DCRA historic preservation chief Steve Raiche denied the charges he had acted in a biased way against the Foggy Bottom community, said "I didn't get where I am by being malicious." But Raiche did say relations between the two sides have been "horrible and

strained" and his office has been under "incredible pressure."

Relating to notification procedures, Raiche said there is a consistent "problem with quorums and (there are) problems with getting to the agenda." And he said "the Commission continues to play a game of 'gotcha'." Ray admonished Raiche and the DCRA to be "more careful when dealing with the public" and said of the process, "You should want it corrected like I want it corrected."

Councilmember Hilda Mason, advised the DCRA to "be more careful in the future".

And Ward Two councilman Jack Evans, who was only able to attend the last portion of the hearing, said it's no wonder "residents view the department as an adversary."

## Budget

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libraries; reducing operating hours at all other libraries; closing Martin Luther King Library on Sunday; five-day furloughs for staff during the summer.

We all know libraries are an invaluable resource fundamental to the development of our children. Additionally, D.C. Libraries are one area of the government which operate effectively. The proposed budget cuts were tantamount to rewarding efficiency with a disincentive. Recognizing these considerations, the Council restored funding for the Libraries.

**\*Ward 2 projects:** Realizing the unique needs of Ward 2, I worked to provide increased funding in several areas of concern to the Ward. In particular, I was successful in obtaining: \$200,000 for increased security in the Georgetown summer police detail; \$100,000 to assist the Whitman-Walker Clinic in the relocation of its medical services clinic to 14th and R Streets; \$80,000 for a mechanical street sweeper demonstration project in Wards 1, 2 and 5.

**\*Sidewalk cafes:** While not as prevalent in the Foggy Bottom neighborhoods, Ward 2 does have the highest number of sidewalk cafes. Recognizing the many inequities and shortcomings with the current system of assessing sidewalk cafe owners, a proposal was made to levy a flat fee on all sidewalk cafes of \$10 for unenclosed cafes and \$20 for enclosed cafes.

While this proposal offered a significant windfall for downtown cafes, it would have placed a substantial, possibly terminal, financial burden upon neighborhood cafes. I worked at length with other Councilmembers to create a formula which would provide a more fair system of assessing sidewalk cafes while increasing the District's revenues. It was finally decided to reduce the flat rate from \$10 and \$20 to \$5 for unenclosed and \$10 for enclosed cafes.

**\*Homestead Exemption for Senior Citizens:** The Council decided to not place limitations on this program and voted to remove the current eligibility requirement which mandates that half of a senior citizen's income must come from Social Security or a retirement fund, thereby allowing for more senior citizens to participate in this benefit program.

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# On A Wing and A Prayer

By Betty Olsen

Tell Sandy Fitch that prayers aren't answered — and she would not believe you. On May 3rd, Barney, her African gray parrot with the red tail, who has been with her for 12 years flew away to see the world (at least Foggy Bottom.) But the day before Sandy's birthday, the two were joyously reunited. What a happy birthday present.

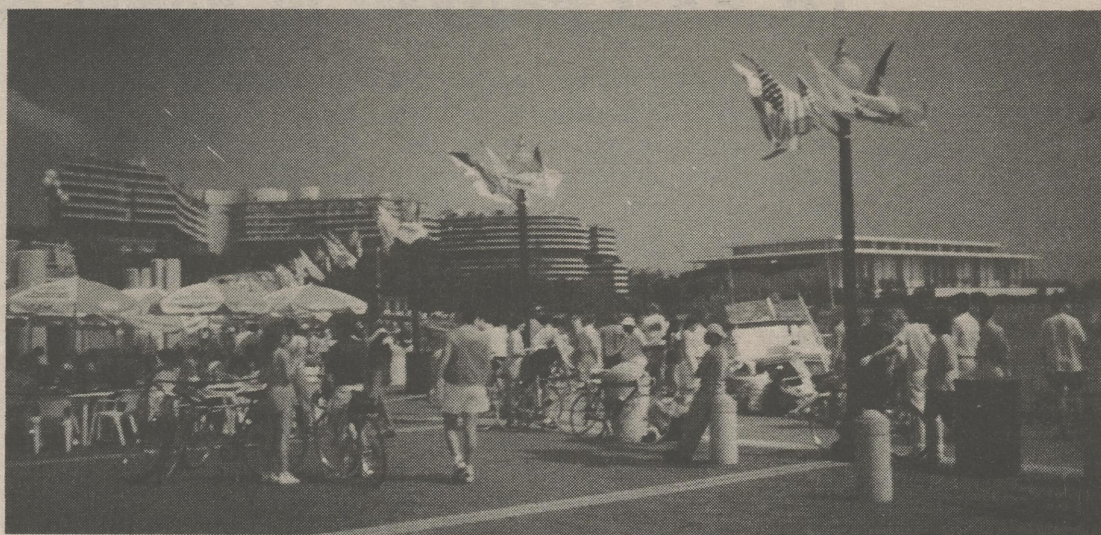
Barney had been residing at Columbia Plaza with Marlies Backhaus since the previous Thursday when he flew onto her balcony. "He flew to me," Backhaus said, "and into my apartment we went." She quickly became fond of Barney but she knew it was not morally right for her to keep a bird, obviously someone else's pet, so she began calling around trying to locate its rightful owner. One of the numbers she called was Animal Control which had on record Fitch's earlier call reporting Barney's disappearance. Fitch had done all the right things — and it paid off. She had reported his loss by calling all the agencies that might be contacted with a report of this type. She even called the pet store where Barney is groomed and the veterinary hospital where he is a patient.

When Fitch went to pick up Barney from Backhaus Saturday, May 9th, he had been missing six days. On her way home, she stopped by to see me with Barney safe and sound in his carrying case with his name on the side to report the good news. I went down to celebrate his return and other people were already lined up to welcome Barney home. It seemed as though Fitch had the word out all over the neighborhood — everyone had been on the lookout. I heard Grace Watson, a long-time neighbor, even went up on the roof of her townhouse to search the sky over Queen Anne's Lane for Barney.

Fitch was literally sick over the lost of Barney and she prayed and prayed that somehow, someday he would find his way back to her. Fitch is a member of St. Stephen's Church and when she prayed the prayers must have had a special power in Foggy Bottom. I love a happy ending.

Oh by the way, Barney was going to have his wings clipped on May 4th before his May 3rd flight. You can bet Sandy rescheduled that appointment.

Oh Sandy, we are so happy for you . . . and Barney . . . that your prayers were answered.



Warm weather brings out the crowds at Washington Harbor

## Burglary Prevention

By C.A. Mitchell

In the past several months, residents of the Foggy Bottom/West End area have experienced either burglaries or attempted burglaries. In order to protect your property from thieves intent on breaking and entering, the Metropolitan Police Department recommends taking the following precautions:

- Secure all exterior doors with deadbolt locks. Chain locks are not adequate to keep out intruders.
- Make sure none of your door locks can be opened by breaking out glass or a panel of light wood.

- In vulnerable locations use bars, ornamental grills, or reinforced metal doors, especially if the doors are hidden.
- Keep all locks in good repair.
- Know everyone who has a key to your house. If necessary, have new locks installed.
- Be sure window locks are properly and securely mounted on sturdy frames.
- Keep windows locked. Use locks which allow you to lock a window that is partially opened for ventilation.
- Always lock windows and doors even when leaving for "just a minute."
- Trim bushes and trees to keep

doorways, windows, and porches clear. Don't give a burglar the opportunity to work undetected.

- Doors, windows and yards should be well-lighted at night. Never have a name or license tag attached to your house keys.

- Don't allow a stranger into your house. Request I.D. and the purpose of the visit from the service people.

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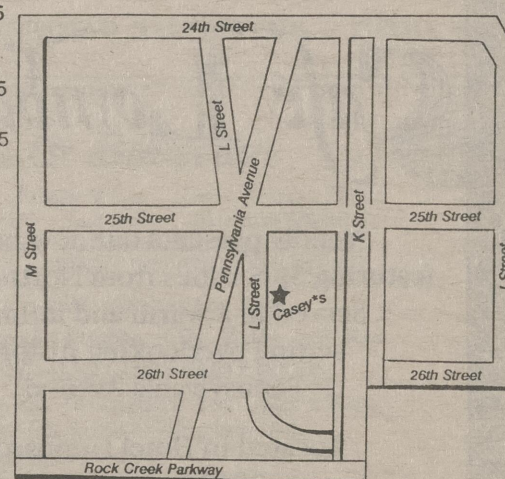
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# BIZBUZZ BIZBUZZ BIZBUZZ BIZBUZZ

By Betty Olsen

Walter Bortz, vice president for Administration and Information Services, and Lou Katz, vice president and treasurer, at GWU presided most effectively at a council of Foggy Bottom residents and GWU personnel. Under discussion was the ownership of the townhouses on Virginia Avenue and the need to fix up the property (which they have very pretty plans to do so NOW), Ellie Becker, editor, of the News, who has been persistent about the need for improvement should be applauded for her efforts here. Also under discussion was getting students to be more considerate of the Foggy Bottom residents. That should fall under that old-timey thought of "Do Unto Others As You Would ——— you remember ——— I do. Since we are all neighbors, how about being neighborly, folks? Many other items on the agenda were discussed with input from many such as Ellie and Barbara Kahlow, Betty and Kirsten Olsen, Bob Brewster, Chris Lamb, Grace Watson, and others. Hey, how about all of us working together now, we can do it. Sounds as if we are getting more aware of each other's feelings all the time. And as the saying goes, most things of this nature flow from the top so President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg needs another pat on the back from the residents of Foggy Bottom. Atta' boy Trachtenberg.

Kirsten Olsen is a new delegate for the Advisory Council of the Second District Metropolitan Police. You can attend the meetings too. The meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at Second District headquarters on Idaho Avenue. Several in the neighborhood show their interest by attending such as Ed and Sherry Donaldson longtime residents of Foggy Bottom and Sandra Vonetes, of Flowers by Sandra fame, located just around the corner from Watergate. Olsen is pictured with John Ray, D.C. Councilman who spoke at a monthly meeting.

Politeness personified — that's Mr. Kenneth Lee at the Copy Center located next to TGI Fridays. I had heard how very nice he is from a fellow FB Association member. Lots to learn from him, certainly hope his courteousness is contagious.

John Ray, DC Councilmember At-Large and guest speaker at Metropolitan Police meeting shown with new delegate Kirsten Olsen.

Have you ever seen or heard a Concert Opera? I hadn't before the Washington Opera performed at Lisner Auditorium recently. It was most impressive. The audience even should have taken a bow, because it was hard to remember when a group of people were more appreciative of a performance.

Met Rosanna Ruscetti at intermission. She is new with GWU as the Director of Lisner. Right now she is busily improving the 1940ish interior. When I said that I was always surprised how well everyone could see in the auditorium, she replied, "we have been very careful not to play around with the location of seats. They are all not the same size and position to allow for the best view possible with a line perfect for performance."

I couldn't agree with her more, but they have refurbished the seats and done several other things that make the trapings more lovely. Lisner holds 1490 people. Now let me see. At first, I said to myself it was built in 1940 and hold 1490 people, then I thought or was it built in 1490 and holds 1940. I quickly dismissed this numbering system as I thought no, no, no, that's even before Columbus sailed the ocean blue.

Anyway Ruscetti came to fill the directorship position from Chicago where she was with the Museum of Industry. Now who has been to the Windy City without a stop at that museum? But she says she has not had time to go to the Smithsonian

yet exclaiming, "Perhaps this summer when schedules slow down some."

Cathy Miller who has been the head of Natural Day Care Center at St. Paul's Parish for 18 years has seen many of her students come and go. When placing an ad this month in *The News*, she said, "one of my day care students has even married now and has a child of their own." How time flies, huh, Cathy?

Watergate news . . . Samuel Fisher member of housekeeping staff since July 1983 is now evening doorman four nights a week. Fisher replaces George Blakeney who will move to relief status. Blakeney, who is 85 years old, has been with Watergate East for many years and his recent four day schedule is just a bit too much.

Jon Christiansen and Ms. Laura Sikes have joined the front desk staff. Jon is on evening at both desks and Laura is serving as a relief person for vacation and holidays.

Ponciano Canamaso Jr. "Butch" from the Philippines has joined the housekeeping department since Mr. Fisher became a doorman.

Carl Bernstein visited and spoke at GWU recently in Fonger Hall. At last he gave some indication as to when the rest of us will know who Deep Throat is. He stated that at Deep Throat's death the person will be known, but as long as he is alive it won't. Guess we ought to check with Ben Bradlee since he knows also. If we just can't wait.

Rodger B. Derr is the new Director of Sales at FB's State Plaza Hotel. Among his previous posts were Radisson Flagship in Atlantic City and the Founders Inn in Virginia Beach. Also new at the Plaza is Delphyn Weber Martin who is

now Sales Manager. She previously was with McRae and Associates and the Potomac Hotel Group.

Mary Louis Ortenzo has been a member of the Claridge House Board for five years, and recently retired due to illness. A fund has been set up in her honor to help the GWU School of Education where she was an instructor. It will be used to purchase books and periodicals for the Library.

When Eleanor Holmes Norton spoke to the FBA, she mentioned a new toll-free guns hotline she is promoting. The hotline, run by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, logged nearly 200 calls in its first month. Its purpose is to let citizens turn in leads on armed criminals and drug traffickers. The number is 1-800-ATF-Guns. Also, as a result of her visit, Delegate Holmes assisted the ANC in its appearance before the National Capital Planning Commission hearings on the IMF/Western Presbyterian matter.

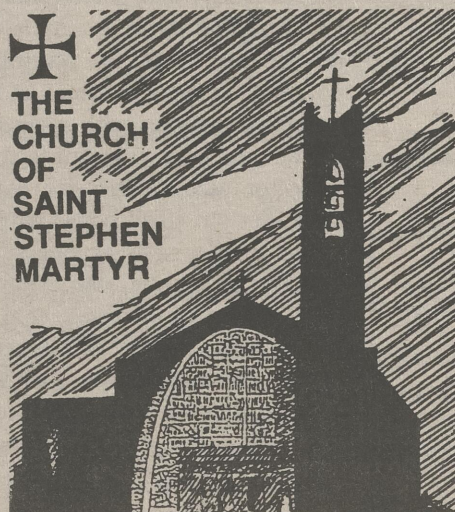
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## One Potato, Two Potato, Three Potato, Mo

by Betty Olsen

Since the microwave has come on the scene in America — the baked potato has really come on the scene to stay. Even if you don't have a medical degree you will really enjoy doctoring your potato to satisfy your tastes.

For years the potato was thought of as only a vegetable and only to be dressed with butter and a sprinkle of salt, or for a thrill, one with sour cream. Well, today that has all changed because you don't wear yourself out thinking about when to put the potato in the oven to have it ready on time. Just wash and prick it with a fork and place it in a microwave just a bit before you are in the mood for one potato, for yourself, or for friends over — two potato, three potato, mo. I'm sure that it will be the latter because if you are serving potatoes as your entree and vegetable together with a salad on the side some will want to go back for seconds just for the taste. Set out small bowls with lot'sa fixin's such as cheese, chopped bacon bits, sour cream (yes, it is still a favorite), ham, turkey, broccoli, etc. Whatever makes your imagination soar is what you need to put out to make the potato reign supreme again.

Check out some of the following suggestions:

## New Exhibit at HSW

The Historical Society of Washington, DC opened its second major exhibition, "Becoming the Capital City: DeLancey Gill's Washington," in its Patterson Gallery on April 11. It is a unique retrospective exhibition of drawings and paintings by artist DeLancey Gill in Washington, D.C. in the 1880s. Using maps, manuscripts, city directories, census records, and photographs, the exhibition brings that era to life.

Delancey Gill belonged to a middle class but culturally elite group of artists and scientists, who, through employment in the Federal Government and scientific institutions like the Smithsonian Institution and the Naval Observatory, studied their surroundings through photography and applied arts.

Washington's population grew after the Civil War as a result of both its improving livable conditions and increased employment opportunities provided by the federal government. Gill undoubtedly saw dramatic changes during his lifetime, and in the 1880s

set about documenting some of the "village landmarks. This series of drawing record the domestic environment of working class people living in areas within Washington City that were largely untouched by contemporary development, such as Foggy Bottom and the Northeast, and in areas on the outskirts of Washington City, in areas with predominantly immigrant and African American populations. Research into the demographic nature of the neighborhoods amplifies the drawings of the modest housing Gill depicted.

Gill later gained national and International acclaim through his thousands of well-documented photographs of Native Americans for the Smithsonian Bureau of Ethnography; his photo of Geronimo has become a cultural icon.

"Becoming the Capital City: DeLancey Gill's Washington," is on view from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wed, through Sat., from April 11, 1992 to December 31, 1993.

### ALL-AMERICAN POTATO TOPPING

(Makes about 1 cup)

2/3 cup mayonnaise  
 1/2 cup diced smoked turkey or smoked ham  
 1 small tomato, chopped  
 1 tablespoon real bacon bits or 2 strips bacon, cooked and crumbled  
 shredded lettuce, optional  
 Combine all ingredients except lettuce. Serve over baked potatoes. If desired, top with shredded lettuce.

### CRUNCHY VEGGIE TOPPING

(Makes about 2-1/4 cups)

1 cup mayonnaise  
 1 package (10 oz.) frozen chopped broccoli, thawed in microwave or under hot running water, drained  
 1 cup shredded Jarlsberg cheese  
 Combine all ingredients. Serve over baked potatoes.

### NORDIC POTATO TOPPING

(Makes 1-1/3 cups)

2/3 cup mayonnaise

3/4 (3 oz.) smoked salmon, shredded or cut in thin strips  
 1/3 cup chopped, seeded cucumber  
 1/4 cup chopped red onion  
 1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill or 1 teaspoon dried dill weed  
 2 teaspoons lemon juice  
 Combine all ingredients. Serve over baked potatoes.

### Mexican Potato Topping

(Makes about 1-1/2 cups)

2/3 cup mayonnaise  
 1/2 cup prepared salsa, drained  
 1/2 cup refried beans  
 1/2 cup Monterey Jack cheese with jalapeno peppers  
 3 tablespoons chopped cilantro  
 Combine all ingredients. Serve over baked potatoes.

### Tucson Tater Topping

(Makes about 1-1/2 cups)

1 cup mayonnaise  
 1 cup diced ham  
 1/4 cup diced green pepper  
 1/4 cup chopped tomato  
 Combine all ingredients. Serve over baked potatoes.

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## Puddin's Paw Prints



It has taken me more than a month to write about Puddin's demise the first of April. After 15 years of being my constant companion I just could not sit down and think sanely and write sanely that my Yorkie is no longer by my side. I miss her. And still think about her constantly. After all 15 years to love and be loved by a pet is a long time.

I decided in Atlanta that I wanted a Yorkshire Terrier after seeing Disney's "Greyfriar's Bobby" depicting the allegiance that a little terrier had to his master. So it was with Puddin.

Right now I am going through the times that were so memorable to me — like the time that I went from the terrace into the house in Atlanta and I didn't see this bit of fluff at my feet and the door caught her. It was our first day together and she was already by my side. From that time on, she always looked for doors closing and stood back until all was clear.

Then there was the time that it was snowing in Atlanta and we were going to the sledding hill. She was merrily running along and as she was going to jump over a storm drain she lost her footing and slid backwards into the drain. As she disappeared from view, I thought, oh no, she will be floating down the Chattahoochee River and I will have to go and retrieve her. But as I peered into the darkness, there she was on a ledge about

four feet down. She had missed the BIG drainage hole by inches. She just sat there calmly until we were finally able to find someone the right size to stretch down to the ledge. This six pound animal was small, but tough. She had grown up with a 65-pound Afghan Hound, a 12-pound Lhasa Apso, and an overweight miniature chocolate poodle.

You should have seen it when I would walk the whole menagerie on leash. People in cars would stop admiring the group and to say how I surely loved variety and I did — and still do.

I almost lost Puddin' again at the Sarasota Airport. One night a flight was late and I kept getting out of the car to check the big clock at the terminal. Puddin' had been on the car floor resting (so I thought). But then after quite a delay, I got out. When I got back into the car I began talking to Puddin' how late the flight was, etc., etc., we could've waited at home longer to watch the sunset before we came. When I reached down to pat her, she wasn't there. Then I thought, oh my, at sometime she got out by my side and I hadn't noticed and with all that traffic she could get hurt or killed.

I jumped out of the car and began asking everyone if they had seen a little dog wandering around unattended, most said no. One cabbie said a woman

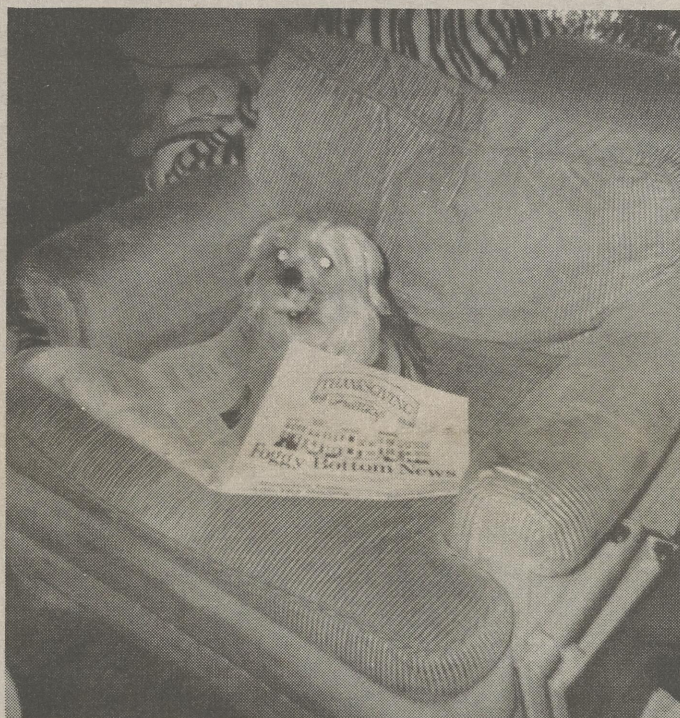
and man picked her up and headed into the terminal.

I raced in asking at American counter, then Braniff, then Continental — you name it alphabetically all the way down the airline counters — if anyone had said that they had found a little dog. Someone at one of the counters motioned towards a very well dressed man and woman in the middle of the terminal. The man was holding Puddin'. I rushed over and said her name. She looked at me in an uninterested way and seemed like she was ready to take a trip.

The woman said, "We were going to wait until someone showed up, if no one came, we were going to take her with us on a later flight." Thank the Lord, I was there to take her

in the neighborhood for nine years, and totaled 13,410 walks approximately just in Foggy Bottom. Being a terrier she was a mighty independent little dog and would walk on leash but preferred not to. Her idea of walking was to walk in front of me about five feet and keep checking on me, following to be sure I was keeping up. But her walks became less than fun for her in the city later in life because of her blinding cataracts and her failing hearing. She would frequently fall off curbs and head into the street instead of staying safe on the sidewalk.

It is amazing how fast 99 or 15 years, depending how you count dog years, goes by with a pup (never could call her a dog she was just too little for that).



with me. She came happily but still looked over her shoulder as if wondering what her life might of been in Chicago or Manhattan with this well-to-do couple.

Well, life went pretty well and uneventful after that in Florida and I watched her closer than ever.

When we moved to Foggy Bottom people used to laugh and comment when I would walk Puddin', "Your dog's taking you for a walk." Puddin' went out four times a day, lived

Yorkies are peppy and ready to respond until the day they die. So it was with Puddin'.

She was taken out for her walk one morning right at the end of March and when I brought her in she just sat down. Even when I called her or made motions or got up to go to her she didn't move. And I thought, on no, that day has arrived when she wasn't going that extra mile anymore. So I took her to the vet to see if there was anything that I had over-

looked at this time of her life that could make the years disappear but even after her check-over, administering of antibiotics, blood tests and x-rays time had arrived for her to settle in for that big sleep that is somewhere out there for all of us.

When the vet called to give me the results I walked hurriedly to get her and bring her home so that we could be together again. I patted and tried to encourage her to eat or take water but she knew better than I of this time. She lasted the night sleeping right beside me naturally but the next morning did not respond to food or drink again. She took her place underneath a table which she always used since the first day home in Atlanta that she almost was squashed by the door. Under the table she stayed, I watched from my desk as she stood up, walked in a tight circle three times and then laid down again raising her head so pretty and proud then lowered it and she went into a sleep. She didn't move as I touched her. She was motionless as never before being such a bundle of joy for 15 years.

I had prepared her with yellow barrette and tucked a yellow ribbon to tie her remains for burial in my pocket. Yellow is such a happy color to me and always seem to suit Puddin' as the saying goes "Happiness is a Warm Puppy." Then I picked her up for her last ride on the elevator. As we waited, I thought how she took to being a city dog and taking the elevator to go out, that one day she got on without me and was gone. I rushed to the lobby of the building and there she was waiting for her walk as if to say, "You didn't keep up so I went on without you." But this time we entered the elevator together and from the fourth floor to the first she had two heart seizures with the third and final one coming as we walked out the front door into a beautiful spring morning with yellow daffodils blooming everywhere and I thought she has died outside on a beautiful day with God all around ready to receive her.

She was so easy the time flew for both of us but time waits for no one, and it was time that had caught up with her.

Betty Olsen  
Puddin's Mistress

## Lisner At Noon Series Places Its "Accent on Lyrics"

The George Washington University's Spring 1992 "Lisner at Noon" program features a five-part series of free, lunch-time concerts that focus on the lyrics of popular tunes from Broadway musicals. Performances begin at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesdays, at GW's Lisner Auditorium (730 21st Street NW). Admission is free and open to the public.

June 17, 1992 — Lyrics of Ira

Gershwin, staged by Deena Rosenberg — Deena Rosenberg, author of "Fascinating Rhythm: The Collaboration of George and Ira Gershwin" (1991), is a highly acclaimed musicologist and founding chair of the Musical Theater Program. Rosenberg will be present to narrate the event.

June 24, 1992 — Lyrics of Jule Styne, featuring Judy Simmons — Judy Simmons has ap-

peared in musicals and concerts at the Kennedy Center, Horizon's Theatre and the Smithsonian Institution. As a cabaret performer she also has been featured in shows throughout the Washington metropolitan area.

July 1, 1992 — Lyrics of Hart and Rogers, featuring soprano Judy Simmons and tenor Steve Cramer — Simmons will be joined by Steve Cramer, who for

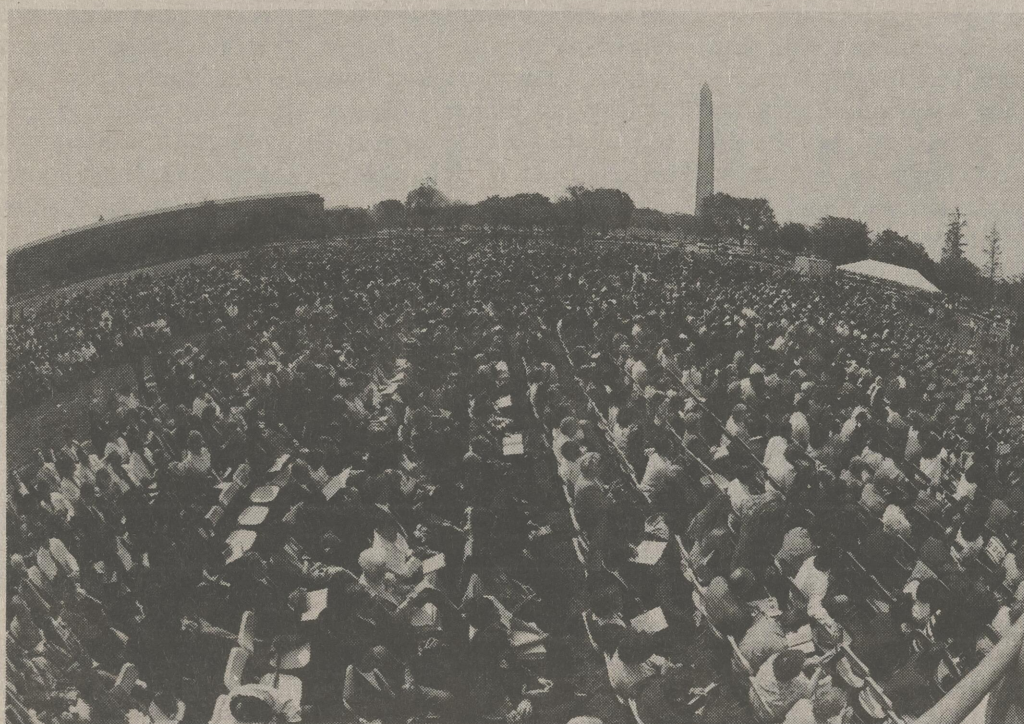
two seasons has appeared with the Washington Opera and currently sings with the United States Army Chorus.

The concerts are presented with the cooperation of Washington Musicians for Nuclear Disarmament. Lisner Auditorium is located on The George Washington University Campus at 22 and H Streets, NW, a short walk from the Foggy Bottom Metro.

Editor's Note: Puddin' was a columnist for The Foggy Bottom News for four years. her column "Puddin's Paw Prints," was widely read and will be missed within our pages.



# Hats Off to New GWU Graduates!



For the first time ever, The George Washington University held its spring commencement on the Ellipse between the White House and the Washington Monument. More than 16,000 people attended the May 10th ceremony. Pictured are happy graduates, some of the friends and family who attended, and GWU President Stephen Trachtenberg, flanked by Robert Maynard, editor/publisher of the Oakland Tribune, and Oliver T. Carr, Jr., Chairman, GWU Board of Trustees.



## Family Day 8K Run Sunday, May 31 8:30 A.M., 19th and H Streets, N.W.

WETA TV 26 and FM 91, and the World Bank Group, will again sponsor the Family Day 8K Run, on Sunday, May 31, at 8:30 a.m. (rain or shine). Last year, this race had over 600 participants.

The third annual run is a family event to support WETA's year-long public awareness campaign focusing on the family. WETA's goal is to emphasize the importance of nurturing all young people by supporting families, schools and community services.

The race starts and finishes at

the corner of 19th and H Streets, NW. The 8-kilometer course is certified and comprises two relatively flat 4-kilometer (2.5 mile) laps.

The "Fun Run," for kids 12 and under, starts at 23rd and H Streets, NW, and finishes at 19th and H Streets, NW.

Race run results will be posted on the day of the run, and participants will also be notified by mail. After the run, at the finish line there will be refreshments, an awards ceremony and live music.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three male and female finishers in each of the following age categories: 19-under; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; 70 and over. Prizes include hotel stays, restaurant certificates, and other types of gift certificates.

Parking is available on city streets throughout the area. The start/finish line is two blocks southwest from the Farragut West Metro Station.

Entry fee for the 8K is \$13 before May 15, and \$15 thereafter (includes race information and T-Shirt). The "Fun Run" entry fee is \$5. Send a check with your name, address, phone numbers, sex, birthdate and T-shirt size to W/B 8K Run, World Bank, Room T-8036, Washington, DC, 20433. For additional information, contact Yosef Hadar at the World Bank, (202) 473-1791.

## Historic Preservation Fund-Raiser

Historic preservation is one of the special interests of the residents of Foggy Bottom and the West End.

Opposition to the IMF/Western Presbyterian Development Projects requires the active support by the residents of Foggy Bottom. To appeal the recent Zoning Board decision funds from the community must be raised.

Your **tax-deductible contributions** will enable the Foggy Bottom Association to carry out this project to preserve the special character and architecture of our neighborhood. Your kind support is graciously appreciated. Please make your check payable to the Foggy Bottom Association and mail to:

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